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Comments on "Evaluation of [REDACTED] Interrogation Operation,
[REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] staff study establishes quite clearly that present procedures for exploiting [REDACTED] are not going to elicit a great deal of economic intelligence -- if it is there. 25X1X6

2. It is less clear from the study that the benefits to be gained from a better program of interrogation are really substantial and warrant sending the kind of man required -- who is a scarce commodity here. Certainly the experience of this division so far is not encouraging. We have no way of telling how valuable the reports have been to the seven branches which have benefited. It is also difficult to determine the ultimate potential of the [REDACTED] from a listing of categories (Attachment A) or some similar statistics. 25X1X6

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3. I would suggest als [REDACTED] original idea that a person be sent on TDY initially and that a decision on PCS be delayed until this person's return. Arranging a PCS will be time consuming anyway and many of the necessary steps can be taken on a "when and if" basis, while the TDY man is holding the fort.

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